

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1043

Introduced by Assembly Member Fong

February 27, 2009

An act relating to air pollution.

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AB 1043, as introduced, Fong. Biofuels.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. The act requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions.

This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to advance biofuels and other clean fuel technologies by adopting policies that promote the production and purchase of biofuels and other clean fuel technologies in California as a means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce California's reliance on petroleum fuels.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

1 (1) California is the world leader in biotechnology and the
2 advancement of biofuels.

3 (2) California companies are developing methods to convert
4 corn, sugar cane, and a variety of other sources of cellulose more
5 efficiently.

6 (3) Biofuels can be a significant contributor to improving local
7 air quality, reducing California's dependence on foreign oil, and
8 reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

9 (4) Biofuels can reduce California's reliance on petroleum fuels
10 and help lower fuel costs for consumers.

11 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to
12 advance biofuels and other clean fuel technologies by adopting
13 policies that promote the production and purchase of biofuels and
14 other clean fuel technologies in California as a means to reduce
15 greenhouse gas emissions and reduce California's reliance on
16 petroleum fuels.